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36th HSNA SHOW

By Mike Stanley

The Hawaii State Numismatic Association held its 36th annual convention at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel and once again was another huge success. Dealers from the mainland and local vendors filled up the main ballroom. A good variety of US Type, Hawaiiana, Military decorations and paper currency were available to buy, sell and trade.

Highlight of the H.S.N.A. show is the Aloha greeting on Wednesday evening when a no-host cocktail party is given for dealers and helpers. Hawaii's best pupus in abundance adorn the banquet setting in downtown Waikiki. Dealers have a chance to meet and mingle before the show gets started. Some dealers meet for the first time and also others who have been coming to the show since it began.

H.S.N.A. President, Greg Hunt, was pleased with the attendance. Registration desk was busy the entire four days, selling new statehood quarters, wooden nickels and show medals. Numismatic talks were presented during the show which included presentations from American Numismatic Association's President, H. Robert Campbell, Krause Publications Director, Clifford Mischler, and A.N.A. District Delegate Mike "Steamer" Stanley. All talks

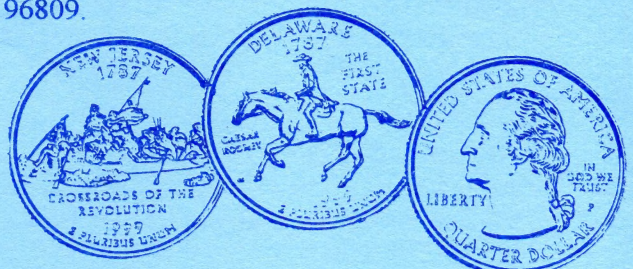
were well received and the question and answer periods were enjoyed by all.

The stage area of the main bourse floor was filled with numismatic displays featuring medals and coins. One display featured Hawaiian tokens from the collection of Gerald Kwock. Sunday morning, featured a Numismatic Ambassador breakfast sponsored by Krause Publications and had over 25 Ambassadors and guests in attendance.

Sunday featured a raffle drawing for the keikis (children) and to the amazement of show chairman, M.F. Kendrick, over 100 children drew raffle tickets for nice numismatic items which included gold pieces as the main prize.

Sunday is usually get away day at most shows but not in Hawaii. As dealers packed their coins, teams of volunteers are transforming the bourse floor into a banquet room and Hawaii's finest delicacies are featured on the banquet line. Entertained by a superb Hawaiian trio and the lovely hula dancing by Greg Hunt's daughter, Suzanne, put the final touches on an outstanding show.

So as the sun set on Waikiki, thus came the end of the 36th annual convention and the dawning of the 37th convention to be held on Nov. 10-12, 2000. Please mark it on your calendars and make plans to attend. For more information, including dealer space and room reservations, write to HSNA, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, HI 96809.



CHANGING TIMES

BY IRVING KAM

The Hawaii State Numismatic Association held its mini coin show in early May this year and with all things considered, it went fairly well. A relocation change to the McKinley High School Cafeteria (1039 S. King St.) proved to be an encouraging move with lots of new faces in attendance and many positive comments. With numerous high interest functions being presented there, it has become a familiar destination to the general public. Being situated next door to the Neal Blaisdell Center facilities and near the Ward Warehouse complex and the Ala Moana Shopping Center is a big plus. Entry is via Pensacola street into a large parking area and the ample floor space will accommodate even a very sizable show. That huge shade tree fronting the building exudes a wonderfully calming ambience to the setting and offers an ideal location for hobby confabulation. All the elements of a good show is here so its future really depends on the degree of nurturing and promotion it receives.

In mid August, the Honolulu Coin Club took its turn with the long enduring Statehood Day coin show. This annual event has also undergone a few site deviations and this year occupied the Washington Intermediate School cafeteria (1633 S. King St.) in the Pawa'a/McCully area. The bourse space is more than sufficient with lots of parking, is centrally located, on the bus line, and easily accessible. A nice mixture of newcomers and familiar friends seemed to be favoring collector oriented coins in decent circulated grades. Paper currency other than the really common pieces were on many want lists while bullion related material appeared somewhat soft.

Activity throughout the day was moderate but steady and the locale choice proved to be a good decision. Its future parallels that of the Mini Show in that the publicity and its effectiveness will ultimately determine if it is just another coin show or a really solid one. There is a world of difference.

Both shows are H.C.C./H.S.N.A. sponsored events and admission as well as parking are free. Hobby exhibits and hourly door prizes are

featured and an open invitation is extended to all.

It takes an awful lot of effort and preparation before, during, and after these shows despite being one day affairs. The hours are drawn and the timing is often inconvenient. We are so fortunate to have some unselfish members who consistently do almost all of the work of the club with little or no fanfare. Not just the two shows but the H.S.N.A. convention, the Hawaii Collectors Expo as well as the other collectibles shows, and all the club endeavors including an annual Christmas party. A big Mahalo to: Darlene Chee, Marion Kendrick, Paul Luke, Charlie Matsuda, Crane Saito, Henry Sakata, Francis Ushiroda, Clifford Young, Mark Von Wronski, Glen Yokoyama and last but not least, Wah Kui Young, who is also somehow able to book us into great show locations.

Also, many thanks to the members and supporters who sustain the club's projects by patronizing its medals, wooden tokens, raffles, etc. Other than the dues, this is its only significant means of funding and is a direct reflection on the services and benefits that is currently available. A constant rise in the cost of maintaining a club versus declining membership participation is a reality and its aftermath is now being felt. Many of Honolulu Coin Club's offerings may not be your topic of interest but the courtesy and generosity is certainly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

The Honolulu Coin Club meets twice a month at the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Kalihi and anyone interested is always welcomed. A Juniors program for young numismatists is presently available with many advantages including free memberships. For further information, write: Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, HI 96808 or call: 486-4766.

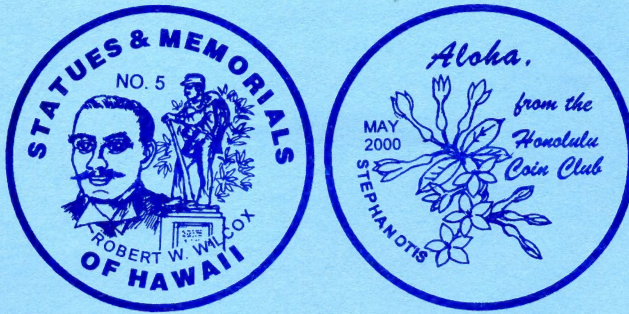
In closing, have a happy and safe holiday season and the best of health as we embark into the new millennium.

Aloha! Pau.

Note: This article ran in the last edition but some of it was inadvertently left out. We are sorry for the inconvenience it caused.

ROBERT WILCOX

5TH WOODEN TOKEN IN THE SERIES OF STATUES AND MEMORIALS



In the heart of downtown Honolulu, between King Street and the Fort Street Mall, stands a dark, tall bronze statue in a nice mini parklike setting. The statue appears to look like a soldier rising from the mist of the nineteenth century American Civil War.

Designed by Jan Gordon Fisher in 1993 as part of the Mayor's Commission on Culture and Art by Mayor Frank F. Fasi, this is the statue of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox. Wilcox was born on February 15, 1855, at Honuaula, Maui, son of Captain William Slocum Wilcox and Kalua Makoleokalani, who was descended from the Maui royalty.

In 1880, Robert Wilcox was selected by King Kalakaua to study in Europe. He was admitted to the Royal Military Academy at Turin, Italy. He graduated as an officer of Artillery. He was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant of the Artillery and he completed his studies and was soon recalled by the Hawaiian Government in 1887. Inspired by the Italian patriot, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Lieutenant Wilcox frequently and proudly wore his Garibaldi uniform.

Robert Wilcox was very popular with the native Hawaiians as an educator and legislator. He led two counter insurgency movements in 1889 and 1895 against foreign interests which had seized control of the Hawaiian government.

In 1895, hoping to restore the Queen to power, Wilcox organized an army of about

two hundred loyalists to overthrow the Reformed government of the Republic of Hawai'i. The Republican government forces suppressed the counter-revolutionaries and arrested the loyalists and charged them with treason.

Queen Liliuokalani, who was a prisoner in her own Executive Building, was forced to abdicate her throne in humiliation in exchange for clemency for the loyalists.

When the United States Congress intervened in 1898, Wilcox was fully pardoned by Sanford B. Dole, President of the Republic of Hawai'i.

In 1899, Wilcox represented Hawai'i in Washington, D.C. to obtain unrestricted franchise for his people in the Organic Act which was held before Congress. He got the support of Congress and returned home and was soon elected as the first delegate of Hawai'i to Congress.

Wilcox died on October 23, 1903 while campaigning for Sheriff of Honolulu, which he would have served if he had lived.

The fragrant delicate odor of sweet perfume is the flower of the stephanotis which is on the reverse of the wood. These plants grow as vines on many front and back yard fences in Hawai'i.

The Hawaiians called it Pua-ma-le or marraige flowers because it is used in leis and bouquets for weddings. It is pure white in color and the flowers and leaves have a waxy look.

This fifth issue of the Honolulu Coin Club wooden token can be purchased at 50c per wood plus a self addressed stamped envelope. Please add extra postage if you are purchasing more than one wooden token. Send requests to Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

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LOOse and Cents Change Common

By F. Loo, H.M.S.C.

about the 50-STATE QUARTERS

Isn't it a joy and thrill to receive one of the new state quarters in change? Something new and different! Finally, a fun program with our money. I remember the new quarters by the horse (Delaware), lady (Pennsylvania), boat (New Jersey), peach (Georgia), tree (Connecticut), rifle (Massachusetts) and building (Maryland). Next to come will be the bird (South Carolina), old man (New Hampshire), and ships (Virginia) during this year 2000. Then there will be forty more until the year 2008, with Hawaii, the best, for last.

Many people are collecting these state quarters geographically using a map of the USA. But for additional fun and challenge, there are other ways to collect or group these state quarters. For example, you can collect them by design type, such as by animals (horse, bird), nautical (boat, ships), people (lady, old man), and whatever theme you may prefer. Another interesting way may be to collect them alphabetically. While most of us may know all fifty states, how many of us know them in alphabetical order? Can you name all the states which begin with the letters "M" or "N"? Is Hawaii the only state that begins with "H"?

When collecting state quarters, you must do your mathematical calculations. If you are helping an 8 year old child collect the 50 states, he or she will be a 16-18 year old teenager when the state quarters program is finished. Probably, that teenager may have other interests by then. On the other hand, a grandchild, now 2 years old or younger, will be 10-12 years old in 2008. and should be thrilled to see/have a 50 state collection then. Also, learn about the mintage quantities for each state. You may be surprised to learn how many are being made, even though you may be seeing so few.

Finally, please allow me to recommend a design for the year 2008 Hawaii state quarter. I authorize any of you readers of this article to use my idea. It is not a very original idea, and hopefully many of you have already had the same idea. The Hawaii state quarter should simply show the words "Spirit of Aloha". The Spirit of Aloha is what makes Hawaii unique and different from any of the other 49 states. ALOHA- the more you give it, the more you have it. Only in Hawaii. If there is a better representation for Hawaii, please come to a Honolulu Coin Club meeting and tell us about it.

about the Sunday YWCA COIN SHOWS

There will be three coin/currency shows at the downtown YWCA on Richards St. for the remainder of the year 2000. The dates are all on Sunday--JUNE 18; SEPT. 10, and OCT. 15 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM in room 307. The dealers who usually attend these shows include: 1) the world's expert on Hawaii numismatics (he wrote 2 books), 2) a regular traveler to major coin shows on the mainland, 3) a participant in may multi-million dollar rare coin and currency auctions, and an international traveler.

If you don't see what you're interested in, these dealers can probably get it for you or help you get more information on the subject. With the leisurely pace and comfortable atmosphere, you can do a lot of looking and learning. By easily comparing prices and values, you should be able to get the best deal. Finally, the YWCA restaurant has a great brunch menu of tasty gourmet items at reasonable prices. So, if you like good food and/or collectable money, come to the Sunday YWCA Coin Show!



Junior News

EDUCATION PAYS OFF

BY CAREY ANNE IZUO

Many elementary school students have hobbies. Boys usually start with baseball and basketball card collections. Girls usually collect precious stones, and we can't forget the rage of pogs. Then there is, of course, the hobby of those young numismatists.

Hello, my name is Hoku. I am eleven years old and in the fifth grade. My friend Robin and I collect pennies and nickels. I started my collection last year and Robin started hers this past summer.

When I first began, my collection consisted of only pocket change. I had asked my mother, father and brother to look through their change and I asked them to save the ones with the older dates.

My grandfather on my father's side actually got me started. He had asked me one day, "Sweetheart, what do your classmates do in their free time?"

I couldn't really give him an answer. I really didn't know what they did. I thought of sports that we had at school and some afterschool activities that I know of but the real answer that my grandfather was looking for remained unanswered.

"No, sweetie, I mean, what are their hobbies? What do the other boys and girls like to collect? Do the boys collect cockroaches at recess? Do the girls catch butterflies? How about the pokemon (pocket monster) cards?"

"Oh, well, everyone collects the pokemon cards," I said. "I have a few but I think that it's kind of a dumb hobby, grandpa. I mean, I remember collecting pogs and now hardly anyone plays that anymore. I spent a lot of money on them, and then they go out of style."

"Well, Hoku," said grandpa, "I was a little younger than you when I first started my collection and I am still collecting. I also know a whole lot of people that collect the same things that I do, and they have been doing it for a while as well. Have you ever heard of the American Numismatic Association? Well, I belong to it and I also belong to the Honolulu Coin Club. Would you like to come with me to one of our meetings and be grandpa's guest?"

Oh, that got me all excited. "Grandpa, can I really attend a big person's meeting?"

"Of course dear. I'll take you this Wednesday. How 'bout that?" was my grandfather's reply.

I have been attending those meetings since. That summer my grandfather asked me if I had a buddy that wanted to come too. That's when Robin started collecting. It was me, Robin and grandpa.

After organizing our coins, we were able to see what coins we needed. I needed a bunch and Robin needed a bit more because she started later. As little gifts, I gave her some of my duplicate coins that she needed.

Grandpa took us both to coin shows. At every show, he gave us each two dollars to spend on coins that we needed. Robin and I made want lists for each kind of coin. We had our penny want list and our nickel want list with us at every show.

At the annual Hawaii State Numismatic Coin Show held at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel, grandfather signed us up to become members of the ANA. Mrs. Carmody, had a booth at the show trying to round up some junior members. We were so happy to become members of such a big organization.

The coin show had a slide presentation on counterfeit coins, but we didn't have enough time to go and watch it. The man who was in charge of the presentation is a member of the Honolulu Coin Club and he said that he'll do the presentation for the coin club at the next meeting.

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